The removal of all restrains on Handloom and Cottage industry products and the exceptional flexibilities provided in the agreement, would help increased access of our garment and textile products to the E.C.

Revival of sick textile mills in Tamil Nadu

1222. SHRI K. K. VEERAPPAN:
SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the actions taken or proposed to be taken to revive the sick textile mills in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of workers affected by the closure of some textile mills in Tamil Nadu;

(c) what are the remedial action taken by the Central Government to revive the said mills and rehabilitate the workers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c) As on 31-1-95, 24 Cotton|Man-made Fibre Textile Mills were reported to be colsed which affected 11,307 workers in Tamil Nadu. Government have taken a number of steps to revive the sick|closed textile mills, such as setting up of Board for industrial Reconstruction (BIFR) to avolve and manage rehabilitation package in respect of sick|viable textile mill. Textile Workers' Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS) has been set-up to give interim relief to the workers of permanent|partialy closed textile mills.

(**The Deputy Chairman** in the Chair)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the National Handloom Development Corporation United, Lucknow and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Apparel Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.

III. Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Madam on behalf of SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-sention (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Eleventh Annual Report and Accounts of the National Handdoom Development Corporation Limited, Lucknow, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6945/95]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Apparel Export Promotion Council New Delhi, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Coun cil.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-694695]

III. (a) Eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6941/95]

I. Notifications of the M/o Finance (Deptt. of Revenue).

II. Notifications of the Indian Bank (Central Office, Personnel Deptt.) Madras.

III. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Deptt. of Economic Affairs).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): Madam, I lay on the Table:—

I. (i) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) GSR No. 795(E), dated the 9th November, 1994, amending list 'A' and entries thereto of Notification No. 155/94-Customs dated the 13th July, 1994 which exempts, *inter-alia* the specified goods for Defence when Imported by Government of India.

(2) GSR No. 857(E), dated the 9th December, 1994, prescribing a concessional rate of customs duty of 20 per cent for specified raw materials used in electronic industry.

(3) GSR No, 882(E), dated the 28th December, 1994, providing full exemption from Basic and Additional duties of customs, on machinery, equipments, etc. imported by Specified Authorised Work Centres of Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme.

(4) GSR No. 886(E), dated the 29th December, 1994, granting full exempton from basic and additional duties of customs, on machinery, equipment etc., required for setting up of indigenous manufacturing facilities in the Ordnance factories.

(5) GSR No. 891(E), dated the 30th December, 1994, amending notifination No. 88/94-Cus. dated the 1st March, 1994, so as to restore the benefit to specified raw materials of copper clad Laminates and printed cricuit Boards.

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(ii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act 1944 together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) GSR No. 829(E), dated the 30th November, 1994, granting exemption to 9 mm Pistols and 7.62 mm SLRs manufactured by M/s. Bharat Dynamics Ltd. Hyderabad.

(2) GSR No. 854(E), dated the 7th December, 1994, seeking to provide full exemption from excise duty to rubberised textile fabrics.